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In re Application of Takami et al.	:
Application No. 09/201,867	: DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: November 30, 1998	: TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
Attorney Docket No. HIT 2 944	: ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR
Title: SYSTEM AND TERMINAL DEVICE	: §1.181(a)
FOR ELECTRONIC MONEY TRANSACTION	:
ON INFORMATION AND METHOD THEREOF	:

This is a decision on the "Request for reconsideration of holding of abandonment" filed on September 19, 2001 (with a renewed request filed on April 3, 2002). The request is being considered as a petition under 37 CFR §1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Office action mailed October 24, 2000 (Paper No. 8). A notice of abandonment was mailed June 19, 2001 (Paper No. 9).

In support of the petition, petitioner has provided a copy of a request transmittal for a continued prosecution application (CPA), a petition for a two month extension of time, a USPTO stamped receipt of March 26, 2001, and copies of canceled checks for the CPA filing and the extension of time.

A review of the file record indicates the request for a CPA and the two month extension of time were received on March 26, 2001, the fees processed and the papers placed into the file. The original "Request for reconsideration of holding of abandonment" was also received on September 19, 2001 and processed as Paper No. 10. As the request for the filing of a CPA was timely filed, the application was not abandoned in fact for *failure to respond*. The file is considered expressly abandoned as of March 26, 2001 in favor of the filing of a CPA. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Office regrets any inconvenience caused by the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff for processing of the CPA paperwork. The file will then be forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

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